(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of handicapped students to whom scholarship under the said scheme is proposed to be given, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Scheme of National Scholarship for Persons with Disabilities has been introduced by the Ministry from the year 2002-2003. Under this scheme financial assistance is provided to disabled for pursuing Post Matric/Secondary level Professional and Technical courses of duration not less than one year. The monthly family income of the beneficiary should not be more than Rs. 400/- per month for day scholar to Rs. 1,000/- per month for Hosteller. The details of the scheme is available in the Ministry's web site *www.socialjustice.nic.in*.

(c) 500 scholarships are proposed to be given each year.

Action on recommendations of Minorities Commission

2585. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the reports of the Minorities Commission have been submitted to Government over the last three years;

(b) the details of recommendations which have been accepted, and action taken on the same; and

(c) the reasons for not accepting the other recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir. During the last three years, the National Commission for Minorities has submitted two Reports *viz.* 6th and 7th Annual reports pertaining to 1998-99 and 1999-2000, respectively.

(b) and (c) These Reports which contain various recommendations are presently under examination of the Government and will be laid before both Houses of Parliament alongwith the Action Taken Memorandum.

Multipurpose cards to SCs/STs

2586. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue multipurpose cards to SCs and STs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to make these classes have access to credit cards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Rehabilitation of mentally retarded persons in Delhi

2587. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the name and addresses of Institutions/Agencies engaged in the rehabilitation of mentally retarded persons in Delhi, which are receiving aid from Government; and

(b) the details of assistance received by them during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) A statement is annexed.